you, I would like to submit that because of this, the Delhi Government has also sliced down the quanitity and as to result lakhs of people residing in Jhuggi Jhopri clusters, rehabilitation colonies and unauthorised colonies are facing a lot of inconveniences. Therefore, through you, I urge upon the Union Government to allot full quota.

A new system i.e. DPL has been introduced in Delhi for the people living below the poverty line. Under this system only 10 kg of food gains is provided to each family whereas earlier 42 kgs of wheat was given to each family in the capital. If a person gets 10 kgs of wheat then he will have to purchase 32 kgs. in the open market. This will not benefit the poor man in any way. Therefore, I would like to make a demand to provide 10 Kgs of wheat at half rate prevailing to the ration card holders in Delhi. Only then this scheme would be beneficial otherwise there would be no benefit of this system in Delhi.

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity .....*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have all the names with me. I will call one by one.

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : I am making a reference .....*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT (Shajapur) : 15 days have passed but I didn't get a single opportunity to speak .....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to me.

[Translation]

I have some items with me wherein requests have been made. Someone has asked to allot gas agency in a certain city and someone has requested to do some favour in a certain village. I request the members to bring/raise such items during Zero hour, which are related to the entire country. I will not be able to take up such small such items.

.....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ILIYAS AZMI (Shahabad) : The Minister had said that there would be a gas agency in the villages with a population of 20,000.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I do agree that this issue is very important for you but is it right to raise a voice for allotting a gas agency in a certain state during Zero hour ?

.....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : Sir, I thank you very much because I making a reference to a superlative human effort which this House has failed to congratulate up till now.

A young handicapped lad, with both legs amputated below the knee has successfully swum across the English Channel. This is a superhuman effort and I simply want the House to congratulate this and similar efforts. I also request that the House may kindly advise the Government not only to sent congratulatory messages but also to help and sustain these kinds of efforts. The Ministry of Human Resources Development should look whatever is necessary for this particular individual and for such handicapped persons. This is my appeal to the House. I hope, this would be done.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : The whole House agree with him and the Government would make every possible effort in this regard.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : The Centre has been indifferent towards the various problems of Uttar Pradesh and as a result the development of Uttar Pradesh has received a setback. Through you, I would like to submit that agriculture is the main occupation of Uttar Pradesh and several irrigation projects are lying pending for the last several years and several times the Union Government has been requested to accord approval to these projects. So that the work could be done. Through you, I would like to bring into the notice of the Union Government that 67 crore rupees have been sanctioned under Irrigation benefit Programme. There is a 280 crore rupees worth National Water shed Project. Rajghat Dam Project, some river water distribution and Kanhar Projects are such projects which are lying pending with the Union Government for the last four-five years and as a result all these Projects have received a setback and the work thereon is affected. Therefore, the pace of development of Uttar Pradesh is being hampered. Through you, I would like to request the Union Government to pay attention towards it and accord approval to these projects of Uttar Pradesh immediately.